

1954

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF

ALTON, N. H.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

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OF THE
SELECTMEN
TOWN CLERK
TOWN TREASURER
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMMISSIONERS OF THE LIGHTING PRECINCT
WATER COMMISSIONERS
AND THE
SCHOOL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF ALTON,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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FARMINGTON NEWS PRESS
FARMINGTON, N. H.

FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

BOX NO.	LOCATION
3	Brush fire. Repeat three times.
4	Alton Bay Fire Station.
5	Central Schoolhouse.
6	Town Hall.
12	Campground Store.
13	Alton Bay, near Lester Downing Residence.
14	Gilman Road, corner Mitchell Ave.
24	Main street, corner School St.
26	Main street, Wolfeboro Hill.
31	Oak Birch Inn.
32	Gilmanton road, corner Mill St.
36	Opposite Wyman's Garage.
41	Bay Schoolhouse.
42	Main street, foot Rollins' Hill.
43	Main street, near Fred Colbath residence.
2-2-2	Out of town call. All firemen to report at station.
1-1	All out signal.
2	Blasts at 7.30 a. m., no school.
2	Blasts at 7.30 p. m., Fire Department meeting.
1	Blast, water to be shut off in thirty minutes.

NOTICE

Brush fire, chimney fire, and all outside fire alarms are to be telephoned to the Alton operator, who will sound the proper alarm, and notify the proper authorities. This will be done by means of a control box now in the central office. State clearly the nature, extent and location of the fire. By complying with the above much time and property may be saved.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING A BOX

Opening a box does not sound alarm: Pull down handle. Anyone sounding alarm to remain at box to direct firemen. Second alarm to be sounded by order of the chief engineer only. Test alarm every day at 12.45. Do not sound alarm unless necessary.

HERBERT B. CARD, RICHARD BRADSTREET,
WESTON ALDEN, Fire Wards of Alton.

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD	TERM EXPIRES 1955
LEON T. DODGE	TERM EXPIRES 1956
ROBERT E. JONES	TERM EXPIRES 1957

CLERK

ETHEL W. MORRELL

TREASURER

STELLA F. AYER

TAX COLLECTOR

RAYMOND C. DUNCAN

AUDITORS

CHARLES BEAUDETTE	GEORGE H. WALLACE
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

FRANK M. AYER	TERM EXPIRES 1955
ALTA H. McDUFFEE	TERM EXPIRES 1956
LESTER F. DOWNING	TERM EXPIRES 1957

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

DONALD GOWEN	TERM EXPIRES 1955
HAROLD CLOUGH	TERM EXPIRES 1956
ANNIE A. WHEELER	TERM EXPIRES 1957

PRECINCT COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH A. O'BRIEN	LAWRENCE P. BECK
RAYMOND A. LAMONT	

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

RICHMOND H. SKINNER

MODERATOR

FRANK M. AYER

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

NELLE S. P. CLOUGH	BURTON S. HALE
CAROLYN WALLACE	

CHIEF OF POLICE

DONALD C. ALDEN

CONSTABLE

DONALD C. ALDEN

HIGHWAY AGENT

FORREST B. VARNEY

HEALTH OFFICER

RALPH STEVENS

TOWN OFFICERS

FIRE WARDEN

HERBERT D. CARD HAROLD E. PRIME
WESTON ALDEN

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

HAROLD E. PRIME

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

HAROLD CLOUGH CHARLES ROBERTS
OLIVER BARNES HERBERT CARD
LEWIS HAYES

SCHOOL BOARD

ELLIOT W. BURBANK	TERM EXPIRES 1955
ARTHUR F. TILTON	TERM EXPIRES 1956
GLADYS E. HOWE	TERM EXPIRES 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOHN W. DAY

LIBRARIAN

ANNIE A. WHEELER

JUSTICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT

CARL W. WYMAN

WATER COMMISSIONERS

HERBERT D. CARD	TERM EXPIRES 1955
HERBERT T. ALDEN	TERM EXPIRES 1956
CARL T. ANDERSON	TERM EXPIRES 1957

BUDGET COMMITTEE

EDWARD H. DOWNING	TERM EXPIRES 1955
RALPH STEVENS	TERM EXPIRES 1955
ARCHIE HORNE	TERM EXPIRES 1955
GEORGE MINOR	TERM EXPIRES 1956
FRED M. PERKINS	TERM EXPIRES 1956
HAROLD E. PRIME	TERM EXPIRES 1956
HARRY M. ALLEN	TERM EXPIRES 1957
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON	TERM EXPIRES 1957
PHILIP A. DROSTIE	TERM EXPIRES 1957

ELLIOT BURBANK, School Committee

CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD, Selectman

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955,
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous
Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

From State:

Interest and dividends tax

Railroad tax

Savings bank tax

Reimbursement a/c state and federal forest lands

Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber

For fighting forest fires

Reimbursement a/c old age assistance

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog licenses

Business licenses, permits and filing fees

Fines and forfeits, municipal court

Rent of town hall and other buildings

Interest received on taxes and deposits

Income from trust funds

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955
	\$5,205.09	\$5,205.09	\$5,000.00
	628.38	295.00	250.00
	90.49	90.49	90.00
	23.88	23.88	23.88
	1,286.93	1,286.93	1,200.00
		32.20	
		565.93	
	350.00	588.16	350.00
	200.00	386.00	200.00
	5.00		100.00
	500.00	572.00	500.00
		1,373.43	300.00
	300.00	420.00	

Income of Departments:					
Highway, including rental of equipment	300.00	710.80	300.00		
Motor vehicle permit fees	6,000.00	6,586.15	6,000.00		
Sale of town property	500.00	850.00	500.00		
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:					
T. R. A.					
Cash Surplus		10,000.00			
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:	4,000.00	4,000.00	9,880.00		
(a) Poll taxes—regular at \$2.00	1,316.00	1,956.47			
(b) National bank stock taxes	36.50	26.00			
Total Revenue From All Sources					
Except Property Taxes	\$20,742.27	\$34,968.53	\$24,693.88		
				Actual	Estimated
	Appropriations	Expend.			
	Previous	Previous			
	Year	Year			
	1954	1954		Year	1955
PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES					
Current Maintenance Expenses:					
General Government:					
Town officers' salaries	\$3,600.00	\$3,495.48	\$3,700.00		
Town officers' expenses	2,400.00	2,442.38	2,400.00		
Election and registration expenses	500.00	530.52	400.00		
Municipal court expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00		
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	4,275.00	3,451.32	3,600.00		
Protection of Persons and Property:					
Police department	3,800.00	4,107.45	4,500.00		

Fire department	6,000.00	5,203.95	6,000.00
Moth extermination—blister rust and cure of trees	650.00	631.00	650.00
Health:			
Health department, including hospitals	1,800.00	1,671.93	1,800.00
Vital statistics	35.00	20.50	35.00
Bookkeeper	2,400.00	2,399.80	2,600.00
Tarvia	2,500.00	3,205.81	2,500.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Class V	879.26	879.26	923.28
Town maintenance, summer	9,000.00	11,872.25	8,500.00
Town maintenance, winter	5,300.00	6,278.71	6,000.00
Street lighting	450.00	177.76	450.00
General expenses of highway department	5,000.00	4,947.84	4,500.00
Town road aid, shore roads	2,000.00	3,473.54	3,000.00
Libraries:			
Libraries	2,298.90	2,290.28	2,400.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	2,000.00	1,257.90	2,000.00
Old age assistance	9,000.00	7,542.89	8,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial day and veterans' associations	175.00	175.00	175.00
Aid to soldiers and their families	300.00	137.02	300.00
Recreation:			
Parks and playgrounds	2,000.00	1,370.96	2,500.00

Public Service Enterprises:				
Municipally owned water	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00	860.85	1,000.00	1,000.00
Unclassified:				
Damages and legal expenses, including dog damage	250.00	68.30	250.00	250.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	500.00	559.47	600.00	600.00
Interest:				
Interest	1,300.00	2,089.36	1,300.00	1,300.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges:				
Lake wall	1,000.00			
State aid construction, town's share, bridge				3,300.00
Emergency phones	2,080.00	2,037.90	2,080.00	2,080.00
Summer-winter activities	1,900.00	1,710.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Special articles	4,551.00	5,007.80	3,382.00	3,382.00
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Long term notes	3,783.00	3,783.00	2,783.00	2,783.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
County taxes	10,195.65	10,195.65	10,500.00	10,500.00
School taxes	62,662.31	62,962.94	70,146.54	70,146.54
Total expenditures	\$155,560.12	\$158,048.82	\$165,324.82	

ALTON WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Alton, in the County of Belknap, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said Alton, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay all necessary charges of the town for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and bridges for the ensuing year, in addition to that required by law.

Article 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the removal of snow from the town's highways.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended on roads leading to shore property, in conjunction with the amounts raised and expended by property owners.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of tarvia and application of same.

- Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$923.28 provided that the state will contribute \$6,155.22 for Class V roads, so called.
- Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow necessary monies in anticipation of taxes.
- Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the decoration of soldiers' graves.
- Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the public library in addition to that required by law.
- Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be expended under state supervision for the control of White Pine Blister rust.
- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$352.00 to the Lakes Region Association of New Hampshire, which is one hundredth of one per cent of the assessed valuation, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town.
- Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for spraying trees along the highways.
- Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for band concerts, summer and winter activities, said sum to be taken from surplus monies on hand.
- Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130.00 for advertising "This is New Hampshire" in an advertising program sponsored by the magazine "New Hampshire Profile".

- Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of Huggins hospital at Wolfeboro, N. H.
- Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of Laconia hospital at Laconia, N. H.
- Article 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,080.00 as a salary for the person on duty as operator of the fire and police telephones; said sum to be taken from surplus monies on hand.
- Article 18. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 as a salary for the bookkeeper, said sum to be taken from surplus monies on hand.
- Article 19. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 as final payment to the state on the Beaver Brook bridge, said sum to be taken from surplus monies on hand.
- Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be expended on a new boat wharf at Alton Bay.
- Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to extend the public beach in a northerly direction.
- Article 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector to appoint a deputy or deputies under the provisions of Section 42, Chapter 80 of the Revised Laws of 1942, as amended by Chapter 7 of the Laws of 1945. (By request).
- Article 23. To hear the reports of agents auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 24. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, to elect one selectman for three years, one library trustee for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, and one water commissioner for three years, one fire ward for three years, one for two years and one for one year.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, 1955.

CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD,
LEON T. DODGE,
ROBERT E. JONES,

Selectmen of Alton.

A true copy, Attest:

CHESTER W. LITTLEFIELD,
LEON T. DODGE,
ROBERT E. JONES,

Selectmen of Alton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

April 1st, 1954

Real estate (land and buildings)	\$3,232,763.00
Electric plants	130,707.00
Personal estate	262,513.00
Gross valuation	\$3,625,983.00
Less soldiers' exemptions	108,617.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is based	\$3,517,366.00
Detail of personal estate:	
Horses, 19	\$1,925.00
Cows, 126	16,530.00
Other neat stock, 16	1,255.00
Sheep and goats, 6	100.00
Fowls, 4,870	4,165.00
Boats and launches, 294	117,175.00
Portable mills, 12	11,250.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	44,013.00
Gas pumps and tanks, 41	5,190.00
Stock in trade	51,960.00
Mills and machinery, 8	8,450.00
Wharves, 1	500.00
Total	\$262,513.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, land and buildings	\$35,000.00
Furniture and equipment	1,500.00
Library, land and building	22,000.00
Books and equipment	2,000.00
Fire department, land and buildings	2,000.00
Apparatus	22,950.00
Highway department, tractor house, shed	2,000.00
Plows and equipment	10,200.00
Truck	900.00
Grader No. 1	3,000.00
Grader No. 2	7,500.00
Snow fences	700.00
Gravel banks	250.00
Place lot and stable	5,000.00

Police department ambulance	1,500.00
Other properties:	
William Charlesworth Levey park	1,500.00
Public wharfs	3,000.00
Marine and bay yard bandstands	1,500.00
Public beach	4,500.00
Alton water works system	77,350.00
Railroad property	8,000.00
Tax collector's deeds:	
Le Cour property	600.00
Flanders property	500.00
Gilman lot	500.00
Glidden land	100.00
Morse land	200.00
Lane land	50.00
Feeney land	100.00
Total	\$214,400.00

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS, 1953 - 1954

ASSETS

	Dec. 31, 1953	Dec. 31, 1954
Cash in hands of treasurer	\$23,551.69	\$20,314.44
Water department	6,989.12	5,596.42
Capital reserve:		
Municipal improvement fund	14,176.14	14,676.64
Accounts due town:		
Water department (note-interest)		563.13
Bounties	174.75	276.25
Tarvia, culverts, etc.	361.21	697.08
Unpaid water accounts	2,568.02	3,151.34
Balance T. R. A. state	118.53	
Unredeemed taxes	1,298.12	729.88
Hall and land rent		312.00
Ambulance service		64.90
Uncollected taxes:		
Levy of 1954		28,392.88
Levy of 1953	21,759.18	1,407.86
Previous years	672.47	472.88
Head taxes	1,100.00	1,050.00
Yield taxes	2,432.34	3,590.39
Total assets	\$75,111.57	\$81,296.09

LIABILITIES

	Dec. 31, 1953	Dec. 31, 1954
Accounts owed by town:		
Yield tax bonds	\$200.00	\$150.00
Head taxes (collected)	378.85	555.00
Head taxes (uncollected)	980.00	875.00
School district	16,800.63	16,500.00
Capital reserve:		
Municipal improvement fund	14,176.14	14,676.64
Yield tax reserve	9,394.51	10,911.92
Beaver bridge (unexpended)	2,200.00	
Lake wall (unexpended)		1,000.00
Shore roads (unexpended)		300.00
Long term notes:		
T. R. A. (Class V roads)	20,000.00	25,000.00
Ambulance	1,000.00	
Grader	8,349.00	5,566.00
Water department	31,500.00	28,100.00
Total liabilities	<u>\$104,979.13</u>	<u>\$103,634.56</u>
Total assets	75,111.57	81,296.09
Net debt	<u>\$29,867.56</u>	<u>\$22,338.47</u>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND
TAXES ASSESSED, 1954

APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries	\$3,600.00
Town officers' expenses	2,400.00
Social security	500.00
Election and registration	500.00
Municipal court	150.00
Town hall and buildings	4,275.00
Police department	3,800.00
Fire department	6,000.00
Bookkeeper	2,400.00
Blister rust and moth control	650.00
Hospitals	400.00
Health department	1,800.00
Vital statistics	35.00
Tarvia	2,500.00
Class V roads	879.26
Highway department, summer and winter	14,300.00
Shore roads	2,000.00
General expense, highway	5,000.00
Fire and police phones	2,080.00
Street lighting	450.00
Lake wall	1,000.00
Fire truck	2,500.00
Library	2,298.90
Old age assistance	9,000.00
Town poor and soldiers' aid	2,300.00
Memorial day	175.00
Parks and playgrounds	2,000.00
Water department, beach	1,000.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00
Summer and winter activities	1,900.00
Damages and legal expenses	250.00
Advertising and regional associations	476.00
Payments on debt	5,083.00
County tax	10,195.65
Schools	62,662.31
Total	\$155,561.02

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amt. Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
Town officers' salaries	\$3,600.00		\$3,600.00	\$3,495.48	\$104.52	
Town officers' expenses	2,400.00	\$23.44	2,423.44	2,442.38		\$18.94
Election and registration	500.00		500.00	530.52		30.52
Municipal court	150.00		150.00	150.00		
Town hall and buildings	4,275.00		4,275.00	3,451.32	\$823.68	
Police department	3,800.00	230.40	4,030.40	4,107.45		77.05
Fire department	6,000.00	53.48	6,053.48	5,263.95	789.53	
Moth and blister rust	650.00	8.00	658.00	631.00	27.00	
Damages and legal expenses	250.00		250.00	68.30	181.70	
Health department	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,671.93	128.07	
Vital statistics	35.00		35.00	20.50	14.50	
Highway, summer	9,000.00	821.04	9,821.04	11,872.25		2,051.21
Highway, winter	5,300.00		5,300.00	6,278.71		978.71
Highway, general expense	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,947.84	52.16	
Shore roads	2,000.00	1,770.00	3,770.00	3,473.54	296.46	
Tarvia	2,500.00	710.93	3,210.93	3,205.81	5.12	
Bookkeeper	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,399.80	.20	
Street lighting	450.00		450.00	177.76	272.24	

Library	2,298.90		2,298.90	2,290.28	8.62
Old age assistance	9,000.00	565.93	9,565.93	7,542.89	2,023.04
Town poor	2,000.00	39.88	2,039.88	1,257.90	781.98
Soldiers' aid	300.00		300.00	137.02	162.98
Parks and playgrounds	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,370.96	629.04
Water department (beach)	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Cemeteries	1,000.00		1,000.00	860.85	139.15
Social security	500.00	45.54	545.54	559.47	13.93
Interest	1,300.00	688.76	1,988.76	2,089.36	100.60
Principal of debt	3,783.00	3,400.00	7,183.00	7,183.00	
Emergency phones	2,080.00		2,080.00	2,037.90	42.10
Summer and winter activities	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,710.00	190.00
Other special articles	4,551.00	420.00	4,971.00	5,007.80	36.80
County tax	10,195.65		10,195.65	10,195.65	
Class V roads	879.26		879.26	879.26	
Totals	\$92,897.81	\$2,777.40	\$101,675.21	\$98,310.88	\$3,307.76
Net balance of appropriations					\$3,307.76
					<u>\$3,364.33</u>

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

DETAIL 1 TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Raymond C. Duncan, tax collector	\$980.00
Ethel W. Morrell, town clerk, fees	560.66
Chester W. Littlefield, selectman	490.00
Leon T. Dodge, selectman	440.00
Robert E. Jones, selectman	392.60
Stella F. Ayer, treasurer	342.00
Frank M. Ayer, moderator, trust funds	148.00
Lester F. Downing, auditor	48.00
Treasurer State of N. H. (Soc. Sec.)	93.82
Total	\$3,495.48

DETAIL 2 TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Farmington News, printing	\$30.50
Arthur P. Varney, postage, box rent	62.80
Morrell Agency, insurance, bonds	177.30
Charles P. Raymond, recording fees	66.30
Wheeler-Clark, supplies	19.50
Charles Rogers Co., supplies	8.78
S. H. Boomer, maps	6.00
N. H. Assessors, dues	3.00
Town Clerk's Association, dues	2.00
N. H. Tax Collector Association, dues	3.00
Sargent Bros., printing tax forms	92.05
Raymond C. Duncan, expenses	190.85
Ethel Morrell, expenses	23.36
Robert E. Jones, expenses	10.50
Frank M. Ayer, expenses	26.29
Jones Agency, insurance	114.00
Horne's Store, supplies	.90
R. G. Tilton, probate fee	2.00
Royal Typewriter Co., typewriter	172.50
Congleton Co., table	20.00
Burrongs Add. Co., supplies, service	18.00
E. C. Eastman Co., tax books	16.75

Brown-Saltmarsh, supplies	12.85	
George Wallace, auditor	52.50	
Union Tel. Co., phone service	635.65	
Record Press, town reports	635.00	
Lakes Region Association, mimeograph	40.00	
Total		\$2,442.38

DETAIL 3 ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Merry Meeting Grange, dinners	\$30.00	
Farmington News, printing	38.50	
Nelle Clough, supervisor	90.00	
Carolyn Wallace, supervisor	90.00	
Burton Hale, supervisor	90.00	
White Lodge, dinners	73.50	
Harold Clough, inspector	31.84	
Ethel Witherbee, inspector	23.84	
Joseph O'Brien, inspector	24.00	
Elizabeth Beaudette, inspector	15.84	
Bessie Prime, inspector	8.00	
Frederick Perkins, moderator	15.00	
Total		\$530.52

DETAIL 4 MUNICIPAL COURT

Carl W. Wyman, justice	\$150.00
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DETAIL 5 TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	\$886.76
White Mt. Power Co., electricity	253.19
Union Telephone Co., phones	123.67
Charles Andrews, janitor	1,277.45
Treasurer State of N. H., Social Security	33.75
Internal Revenue, withholding tax	153.30
Morrell's Agency, insurance	115.00
Jones Agency, insurance, supplies	237.60
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	46.50
Frank J. McGrath, supplies	37.94
Charles L. Haskell, stage curtain	38.00
Herbert D. Card, labor, material	133.04
Alton Water Works, water bill	89.50
Waxine Company, floor oil	14.99

Horne's Store, supplies	4.63
A. Hallworth, piano tuner	6.00
Total	\$3,451.32

DETAIL 6 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Payroll, after deductions	\$3,174.96
Internal Revenue, withholdings	80.80
Treasurer State of New Hampshire,	
Social Security	60.13
Smith-Bennett, equipment	89.50
Thompson-Hoague, equipment	106.68
American Fire Equipment, siren, lights	45.82
The Gun Shop, equipment	41.59
Ivas Wetherbee, labor, material	21.49
James McGrath, labor, material	27.90
White Mt. Power, material	18.18
R. C. Moulton, equipment	87.19
Gardner Rowell, printing	18.00
Farmington News, printing	8.25
J. Jones & Son, supplies	55.90
Frank J. McGrath, gas, oil	3.69
William Buchanan, labor, material	30.50
Horne's Store, supplies	1.80
Dick's Amoco, gas, oil	7.35
Downing's Garage, gas, oil	74.13
Anderson's Texaco, gas, oil	4.40
Alden's Garage, gas, oil	5.34
Union Telephone Co., phone service	17.85
Morrell's Agency, insurance	40.00
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	86.00
Total	\$4,107.45

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Arrests	62
Police department	32
State police	20
Conservation department	10
Complaints investigated	63
Accidents	21
Persons to locate	33

Arrests for other departments	4
Breaks reported	11
Apprehended for state school	3
Obstructing highway	3
Pocketbooks stolen	4
Damage to property	7
Disturbing the peace	6
Complaints on dogs	17
Stolen goods valued	\$440.00
Stolen goods recovered	310.00
Ambulance calls	71
Fees for use of ambulance	\$230.40
Outstanding bills	64.90

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD C. ALDEN,

Chief of Police.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

	Before	Deductions	Expenses
Donald C. Alden	\$1,499.00		\$413.60
Charles Beaudette	62.75		
Kenneth Chase	60.85		
Theodore Floros	58.75		
Clarence Hills	84.98		
Ralph Jardine	15.00		
Gardner Rowell	846.01		140.50
Harold Tibbetts	84.56		24.94
Ralph Weeks	13.75		
Totals	\$2,725.65		\$579.04

DETAIL 7 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reed's Oil Service, fuel oil	\$189.67
Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	82.85
Downing's Garage, gas, oil, parts	222.80
Gray's Shell Station, gas, oil	22.61
Dick's Amoco Station, gas, oil	9.04
Wyman's Garage, gas, oil	1.30
Frank J. McGrath, supplies	6.07
J. Jones & Son, supplies	9.50
White Mt. Power Co., electricity	89.93
Union Telephone Co., phone service	67.00

Frank M. Ayer, insurance	48.00
Mass. Bonding Co., insurance	188.70
James Barclay, janitor	68.18
Ernest Batchelder, snow removal	13.20
Joseph O'Brien, Jr., snow removal	7.00
Kenneth Chase, chimney work	5.00
Ivas Wetherbee, electrical work	10.50
Richard Fosie, electrical work	4.40
Roland Gault, electrical work	4.40
William Buchanan, electrical work	4.00
Towle's Body Shop, door	51.37
Carroll County Tire Co., tires	60.48
Gardner Rowell, printing	13.75
Lakes Region Association, dues	6.00
Alton Water Works, hydrant rental	1,980.00
American Fire Equip. Co., supplies	201.65
Forestry Dept. State, supplies	62.10
Eastern Fire Equip. Co., supplies	43.05
Oliver W. Barnes, labor	4.01
Northeast Marina, boat service	8.00
N. H. State Fire Association, dues	43.00
Fire Engineering Co., manual	3.50
Motorola, Inc., radios	370.00
Evans Radio Co., radio parts	12.94
L. A. Richardson, radio repairs	90.40
Alton Bottled Gas Co., tank gas	15.00
Harold Prime, expenses	111.55
Rawland Dore, payroll	1,133.00
Total	\$5,263.95

DETAIL 11 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Charles S. Lovett, labor	\$1,251.46
Treasurer State of New Hampshire, Social Security	23.67
Ralph Drew, labor	38.22
Ralph C. Stevens, expenses	109.58
Herbert D. Card, labor, equipment	248.00
McGrath's Store, five gallons oil	1.00
Total	\$1,671.93

DETAIL 19 GENERAL EXPENSE HIGHWAY

Downing's Garage, gas, oil, repairs	\$434.39
Wyman's Garage, gas, oil, tires, etc.	314.89
Alden's Garage, gas, oil, repairs	163.72
Gray's Shell Station, gas, oil, grease, etc.	145.71
Power's Store, gas, oil	62.37
McGrath's Store, gas, oil	53.51
Busy Corner Store, gas, oil	45.58
Dick's Amoco Station, gas, oil	45.09
Alton Fuel Co., fuel, diesel oil	593.05
Ray Whipple, gas	5.10
J. Jones & Son, supplies, insurance	285.81
Morrell's Agency, insurance, bond	619.92
Prison Industries, culvert	533.40
State of N. H., chloride, culvert, etc.	236.89
R. C. Hazelton Co., grader parts	460.14
Davis Furber Co., grader parts	72.00
Anderson's Texaco, gas, oil	62.81
Ray Road Equip. Co., grader blades	143.35
Union Steel Co., grader blades	112.47
N. H. Explosives Co., drain covers, etc.	43.69
Seavey Hardware Co., supplies	37.52
Empire Steel Co., plow blades	52.12
Faltin Trans. Co., express	3.70
George Wakefield, gravel	89.00
White Mt. Power Co., electricity	18.35
Highway payroll, painting equipment	19.60
Harry's Amoco, tire repair	3.00
Moulton's Store, dynamite	22.75
International Salt Co., salt	216.00
Curtis Whittier, signs	12.00
Melvin Drew, trucking culvert	40.00
Total	\$4,947.81

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

	Before Deductions	Equip- ment
Donald Alden	\$228.50	
Weston Alden		\$78.00
George Avery	18.70	
James Barclay	41.00	

Oliver Barnes		602.60
Herbert Card		142.80
Kenneth Clifford	5.50	
Archie Corson	8.80	
Talent Dodge	35.20	
Donald Dore	353.50	
Melvin Drew		551.70
Ralph Drew	148.50	
Richard Drew	33.00	
Eugene Elliott	41.30	
Walter Elliott	26.40	
Richard Glidden	8.80	
Lester Gray		39.00
George Helie	1,319.00	
John Helie	1,400.40	
Frank Howard	868.90	
Arthur Hurd	42.90	
Charles Jones	155.10	
Joseph LaCroix	36.40	
George Lamper	35.20	
Robert Lamper	1,360.70	
Fred Littlefield	26.40	
Kent Locke		22.00
William Messer		581.40
George Nutter	291.50	
Milton Prime	1,756.60	
Lorin Rollins	17.60	
Malcolm Simonds	19.80	
George Thoroughgood	411.40	
Wesley Thoroughgood	180.40	
Ralph Thoroughgood	46.20	
Forrest Varney	2,037.25	1,653.40
Franklin Varney	1,378.40	
Vance Varney	970.15	
Vernal Swett	8.80	
George Wakefield		3,583.36
Larry Woodman	22.00	
Totals	\$13,334.30	\$7,254.26

DETAIL 20 LIBRARY

Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	\$223.74
A. Wheeler, librarian	1,203.98

Charles Andrews, janitor	480.00	
Charles Andrews, painting	43.50	
White Mt. Power Co., electricity	64.51	
James F. McGrath, electrical work	23.48	
William Buchanan, electrical work	7.62	
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	104.40	
Morrell's Agency, insurance	40.00	
Farmington News, printing	20.00	
Lougee-Robinson, bookcase	27.50	
Treasurer State of New Hampshire, Social Security	10.10	
Carol Howard, work at library	5.25	
Robert Rollins, painting	5.00	
J. Jones & Son, supplies	25.52	
Horne's Store, supplies	4.18	
E. W. Morrell, pictures	1.50	
Total		\$2,290.28

DETAIL 21 OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, monthly payments	\$6,962.02	
Belknap County, surplus food	445.16	
J. Jones & Son, supplies, etc.	92.59	
Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	30.16	
E. & B. Market, food order	12.66	
Total		\$7,542.89

DETAIL 22 TOWN POOR

State Cancer Commission, medical costs	\$498.19	
I. G. A. Store, food orders	329.78	
E. & B. Market, food orders	132.93	
First National Store, food order	20.00	
Alton Fuel Co., fuel oil	72.70	
Highway department, payroll, wood	54.60	
Leon T. Dodge, overseer	50.00	
J. Jones & Son, supplies	20.25	
Higgins hospital, medical care	54.10	
Dr. A. E. Appleyard, medical care	9.60	
Dr. Precourt, medical care	7.00	
Osgood Pharmacy, medicine	5.75	
Dion's Drug Store, medicine	3.00	
Total		\$1,257.90

DETAIL 25 SOLDIERS' AID

First National Store, food orders	\$60.00	
E. & B. Market, food orders	37.74	
Alton I. G. A. Store, food orders	35.15	
Alton Fuel Co., fuel	4.13	
Total		\$137.02

DETAIL 26 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Ralph R. Drew, labor, truck	\$672.80	
Highway payroll, labor	131.30	
John Kimball, labor	183.00	
Charles Beaudette, carpenter work	103.11	
Frank M. Ayer, insurance	41.85	
Alton Water Works, 1954 water	43.77	
White Mt. Power Co., electricity	46.99	
Frank J. McGrath, supplies	41.95	
Harry Dame, plumbing	6.87	
Joseph Condes, plumbing	5.50	
Curtis Whittier, signs	20.00	
Clarence Hills, labor	8.00	
Everett Helie, labor	5.00	
J. Jones & Son, supplies	8.45	
James F. McGrath, electrical work	2.96	
Treasurer State of New Hampshire,		
Social Security	11.06	
Internal Revenue, withholding	3.90	
Emily Barnes, plants	4.50	
Emerson Electric Co., electrical work	29.95	
Total		\$1,370.96

DETAIL 28 CEMETERIES

William Messer, labor	\$828.25	
Ralph R. Drew, labor	23.00	
Treasurer State of New Hampshire,		
Social Security	9.60	
Total		\$860.85

DETAIL 35 SUMMER AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

Leon Palmer, band concerts	\$1,260.00	
Chamber of Commerce, fire works	300.00	
Alta McDuffee, swimming lessons	150.00	
Total		\$1,710.00

DETAIL 36 REFUNDS

C. E. Hubbard, yield tax bond	\$200.00	
Upton-Whitecomb, tax refund	26.33	
Edward W. Cissel, tax refund	39.00	
Rene Pelletier, tax refund	26.38	
Erasmus Ellis, tax refund	8.58	
Henry Ellis, tax refund	7.00	
C. V. Fletcher, tax refund	2.07	
F. E. Hertel, shore road refund	221.80	
Nik-O-Lok Co., 60% receipts	82.20	
Treasurer State of New Hampshire, Social Security (school)	22.80	
Ernest Sanders, building permits	63.50	
Morrell's Agency, insurance (water department)	5.45	
Total		\$705.11

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

1954

Town officers' salaries	\$3,495.48
Town officers' expenses	2,442.38
Election and registration	530.52
Municipal court	150.00
Town hall and buildings	3,451.32
Police department	4,107.45
Fire department	5,258.95
Blister rust	400.00
Bounties	101.50
Damage by dogs	63.30
Health department	1,671.93
Vital statistics	20.50
Tarvia	3,205.81
Highway, summer	11,872.25
Highway, winter	6,278.71
Shore roads	3,473.54
General expense highway	4,947.84
Bookkeeper	2,399.80
Blue Cross	764.10
Street lighting	177.76
Library	2,290.28
Old age assistance	7,542.89
Town poor	1,257.90

Soldiers' aid	137.02	
Parks and playgrounds	1,370.96	
Water department, beach	1,000.00	
Cemeteries	860.85	
Legal expenses	5.00	
Taxes bought by town	763.24	
Social security	559.47	
Interest	2,089.36	
Special articles	5,238.80	
Police and fire phones	2,037.90	
Summer and winter activities	1,710.00	
Refunds	705.11	
T. R. A.	9,010.24	
Temporary loans	40,000.00	
Bonds and term notes	12,183.00	
To state and county	17,229.15	
Precinct	2,900.00	
Schools	62,962.94**	
Total	\$226,672.25	
**'53 - '54		\$16,800.63
'54 - '55		46,162.31
		<u>\$62,962.94</u>

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

DETAIL 5, FROM THE STATE

Motor Vehicle Dept., gas tax	\$56.74	
Department Public Welfare, O. A. A.	565.93	
Highway department, use of grader	621.00	
State Forestry department, reimbursement	47.76	
State treasurer, fire refund	42.20	
State treasurer, interest, dividends	5,205.09	
State treasurer, bank stock	26.00	
State treasurer, savings and railroad	385.49	
State treasurer, Class V roads	5,861.74	
State treasurer, head tax	23.44	
State treasurer, blister rust	8.00	
Total		<u>\$12,843.39</u>

DETAIL 9 RENT AND SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Ernest Griffin, railroad land	\$87.50	
Chester Griffin, railroad land	87.50	
George Minor, railroad land	300.00	
Jesse Rogers, railroad land	330.00	
Thomas Edwards, Community house rent	400.00	
Mark Jones, land rent	100.00	
C. Roy Barnes, metal roofing	25.00	
Ralph Jardine, stove	20.00	
P. T. A., hall rent	28.00	
Lois Norris, hall rent	26.00	
O. E. S., hall rent	18.00	
Total		\$1,422.00

DETAIL 12 REFUNDS, ALL OTHER SOURCES

Property owners, tarvia	\$710.93	
Non-residents, ambulance	230.40	
Summer residents, shore roads	1,770.00	
Property owners, use of grader	89.80	
Trust funds, band concerts	420.00	
State of New Hampshire, gas refund	30.10	
C. E. Hubbard, timber bond	150.00	
Mrs. Hardecastle, fire refund	18.00	
Belknap county, relief refund	39.88	
Liberty Mutual Co., pole damage	45.00	
School district, social security refund	45.54	
Alton Water Works, insurance refund	5.45	
Reed's Oil Co., overpayment	5.00	
Portsmouth Naval Base, donation	7.00	
John Porter, chloride	19.50	
C. Roy Barnes, culvert	23.40	
Charles Andrews, typewriter	10.00	
R. C. Duncan, tax refund	3.60	
Miscellaneous, phone calls	.60	
Emma A. Allen, postage	.10	
Total		\$3,624.30

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

1954	
Current year taxes (property)	\$115,613.71
Current year taxes (poll)	1,956.37
Previous years property and poll	18,982.33
Tax sales redeemed	1,022.92
From the state	12,843.39
Blue Cross	714.00
Dog licenses	588.16
Licenses and permits	386.00
Rent and sale of town property	1,422.00
Interest received	1,373.43
Motor vehicles	6,586.15
Refunds (all other sources)	3,624.30
Yield taxes	1,311.54
Temporary loans	40,000.00
Bonds and term notes	13,000.00
Head taxes and penalties	4,010.50
Cash on hand, January 1	23,551.69
Total	\$246,986.69

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TOWN OF ALTON, 1954

Town funds expended	\$392.00	
Cooperative funds expended	247.16	
Total expenditures		\$639.16
1954 town appropriation	\$400.00	
Town funds expended	392.00	
Balance due town		\$8.00*
Area worked	1,767 acres	
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed	9,163 acres	

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Amount received for 933 auto permits, 1954-55	\$6,590.48
Amount received for collecting 933 at 50c	466.50
	\$6,123.98
Dog license fees, 1954:	
196 males @ \$2.00	\$392.00
26 females @ \$5.00	130.00
1 kennel	20.00
3 kennels @ \$12.00	36.00
5 part years	5.83
	\$583.83
Fee for collecting	\$45.20

ETHEL W. MORRELL,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Taxpayers and Residents of the Town of Alton:

For the fifth time it is my pleasure to submit my annual report as your collector, this for the year ending December 31, 1954. As in previous reports, it is divided into seven parts, so as to give a detailed picture of the various phases of the department, namely:

1. Total receipts during 1954 from all sources.
2. Balance sheet for levy of 1954.
3. Balance sheet for levy of 1953.
4. Balance sheet for levies of years previous to 1953.
5. Balance sheet for state head taxes.
6. Summary of tax sales account as of December 31, 1954.
7. Unredeemed taxes from tax sales.

PART 1
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1954
LEVY OF 1954

Property taxes	\$115,535.71
Poll taxes	1,044.00
Bank stock taxes	26.00
Interest collected	16.32
State head tax and penalties	3,235.00
	\$119,857.03

LEVY OF 1953

Property taxes	\$19,571.61
Poll taxes	226.00
Timber yield taxes	911.54
Interest collected	630.69
State head tax and penalties	764.50
	\$22,104.34

LEVIES OF PREVIOUS YEARS

Property taxes	\$171.29
Poll taxes	4.00
Timber yield taxes	100.00
Interest collected	37.66
State head tax and penalties	11.00
	\$623.95

REDEMPTIONS FROM SALES (all years)

Property taxes	\$955.30
Interest collected	67.62
	\$1,022.92

Total receipts remitted to treasurer during 1954	
	\$143,608.24

PART 2
BALANCE SHEET OF LEVY OF 1954
DR.

Committed to collector:	
Property taxes	\$144,097.64
Poll taxes	1,346.00

Bank stock taxes	26.00	
Timber yield taxes	2,804.34	
		\$148,243.98
Added taxes:		
Property taxes	\$452.99	
Poll taxes	16.00	
		\$468.99
Interest collected		16.32
Total debits		\$148,729.29
CR.		
Remittances to treasurer:		
Property taxes	\$115,535.71	
Poll taxes	1,044.00	
Bank stock taxes	26.00	
Interest collected	16.32	
		\$116,622.03
Abatements authorized by selectmen:		
Property taxes	\$880.04	
Poll taxes	30.00	
		\$910.04
Uncollected, December 31, 1954:		
Property taxes	\$28,134.88	
Poll taxes	258.00	
Timber yield taxes	2,804.34	
		\$31,197.22
Total credits		\$148,729.29

PART 3

BALANCE SHEET OF LEVY OF 1953

DR.

Uncollected, December 31, 1953:		
Property taxes	\$21,443.18	
Poll taxes	316.00	
Timber yield taxes	1,836.24	
		\$23,595.42

Added taxes:

Property taxes	\$66.12
Poll taxes	8.00

Interest collected

\$74.12
630.69

Total debits

\$24,300.23

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$19,571.61
Poll taxes	226.00
Timber yield taxes	911.54
Interest collected	630.69

\$21,339.84

Abatements authorized by selectmen:

Property taxes	\$569.83
Poll taxes	58.00
Timber yield taxes	138.65

\$766.48

Uncollected, December 31, 1954:

Property taxes	\$1,367.86
Poll taxes	40.00
Timber yield taxes	786.05

\$2,193.91

Total credits

\$24,300.23

PART 4

BALANCE SHEET OF LEVIES PREVIOUS TO 1953

DR.

Uncollected, December 31, 1953:

1951 poll taxes	\$6.00
1951 timber yield taxes	196.00
1952 property taxes	628.47
1952 poll taxes	38.00
1952 timber yield taxes	400.00

Interest collected

\$1,268.47
37.66

Total debits

\$1,306.13

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:	
	\$612.95
Abatements authorized by selectmen:	
	220.30
Uncollected, December 31, 1954:	
1952 property taxes	\$448.88
1952 poll taxes	24.00
	\$472.88
Total credits	
	\$1,306.13

PART 5

BALANCE SHEET OF STATE HEAD TAXES
LEVY OF 1954

DR.

Committed to collector	\$4,130.00
Added taxes	60.00
Penalties	10.00
Total debits	\$4,200.00

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:	
Head taxes	\$3,225.00
Penalties	10.00
	\$3,235.00
Abatements	90.00
Uncollected, December 31, 1954	875.00
Total credits	\$4,200.00

LEVY OF 1953

DR.

Uncollected, December 31, 1953	\$980.00
Added during year	25.00
Penalties	69.50
Total debits	\$1,074.50

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Head taxes	\$695.00
Penalties	69.50

\$764.50

Abatements

145.00

Uncollected, December 31, 1954

165.00

Total credits

\$1,074.50

LEVY OF 1952

DR.

Uncollected, December 31, 1953

\$120.00

Added during year

5.00

Penalties

1.00

Total debits

\$126.00

CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Head taxes	\$10.00
Penalties	1.00

\$11.00

Abatements

105.00

Uncollected, December 31, 1954

10.00

Total credits

\$126.00

PART 6

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

AS OF DECEMBER, 31 1954

DR.

	1953	1952	Previous	Totals
Balance of unredeemed				
Taxes as of				
Dec. 1, 1953		\$711.36	\$496.76	\$1,208.12
Taxes sold to town,				
Sept. 30, 1954	\$734.82			734.82
Interest collected	2.20	26.93	38.49	67.62
Total debits	\$737.02	\$738.29	\$535.25	\$2,010.56

CR.

Remittances to treasurer (sale)	\$212.89	\$413.22	\$329.19	\$955.30
Remittance to treasurer (Int.)	2.20	26.93	38.49	67.62
Abated		76.18		76.18
Deeded		26.41	155.17	181.58
Balance of unredeemed Taxes as of Dec. 1, 1954	521.93	195.55	12.40	729.88
Total credits	\$737.02	\$738.29	\$535.25	\$2,010.56

PART 7

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

	1953	1952	1951	Totals
Berry, Nelson A.	\$5.80	\$5.62		\$11.42
Berry, Nelson A.	6.53	5.58		12.11
Beaudreault, George, Est.	9.94			9.94
Garland, O. J., Est.	5.80	5.62		11.42
Mitchell, Horace	14.08	13.18	\$12.40	39.66
Batchelder, Ernest		21.19		21.19
Lamper, Roland		50.43		50.43
Simonds, Frank E.	84.06	60.01		144.07
Kimball, Frank G.		16.96		16.96
Voellmeke, Alfred, Est.	18.21	16.96		35.17
Cunniff, Ethel & Hubert	65.06			65.06
Bradley, Luella, Est.	12.01			12.01
Marston, Frank W.	24.42			24.42
Melanson, Marcia	9.94			9.94
Potvin, George	24.42			24.42
Potvin, George	9.63			9.63
Varney, Walter E.	32.40			32.40
Rowell, Gardner L.	175.93			175.93
Hillsgrove, Fred	20.28			20.28
Hillsgrove, Fred	3.42			3.42
Totals	\$521.93	\$195.55	\$12.40	\$729.88

The above report has been duly checked by your auditors and is correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND C. DUNCAN,

December 31, 1954

Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$23,551.69
Received from Raymond C. Duncan, tax collector	\$137,575.53
Received from state, interest and dividend tax	5,205.09
Received from state, savings bank tax	90.49
Received from state, railroad tax	295.00
Received from all other sources	80,268.89
	\$223,435.00
Total receipts	\$246,986.69
Paid on orders of selectmen	226,522.25

Respectfully submitted by,

STELLA F. AYER, Treasurer.

FRANK M. AYER,

Acting Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALTON, N. H.

Date of Creation	Purpose of Trust Funds	How Invested	Principal			Income			
			Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	
TRUST FUNDS									
		Cemetery							
1901 Aug. 1	Herbert I. & Leonard Nute	Carrie B. & Ida Nute	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$36.39	\$16.08	\$6.00	\$46.47	
1909 Feb. 12	Sarah J. I. Evans	Sarah J. I. Evans	100.00	100.00	13.38	6.40	3.00	16.78	
1910 Sep. 23	Betsey J. Frohock	Betsey J. Frohock	100.00	100.00	11.51	6.34	3.00	14.85	
1911 Jan. 25	Emeline R. Avery	Emeline R. Avery	500.00	500.00	157.07	34.75	6.00	185.82	
1913 Feb. 25	Alonzo S. French	Alonzo S. French	150.00	150.00	31.14	9.94	4.00	37.08	
1925 Jun. 3	James W. Durgin	James W. Durgin	100.00	100.00	15.07	6.46	3.00	18.53	
1932 Oct. 1	Davis & Gooding	G. E. Davis & Grace A. Gooding							
1911 Sep. 5	Lydia A. Runnells	Lydia A. Runnells	100.00	100.00	15.67	6.46	3.00	19.13	
1933 Feb. 1	Willis E. Glidden	Willis E. Glidden Estate	100.00	100.00	11.73	6.34	3.00	15.07	
1933 Feb. 1	Lafayette Canney	Lafayette Canney	100.00	100.00	13.26	6.40	3.00	16.66	
1933 Jun. 1	Irad B. Gilman	Irad B. Gilman	100.00	100.00	12.65	6.36	3.00	16.01	
1933 Jun. 1	Ida F. Nutter	Ida F. Nutter	200.00	200.00	22.96	12.68	8.00	27.64	
1933 Jun. 1	James B. Woodman	James B. Woodman	200.00	200.00	36.27	13.08	6.00	43.35	
1934 Sep. 1	John F. Hanson	Abbie M. Elkins	100.00	100.00	19.71	6.59	3.00	23.30	
1935 Aug. 1	Hezekiah Sleeper	Abbie H. Batchelder	100.00	100.00	14.75	6.42	3.00	18.17	
1936 Jan. 1	Naham Lamprey	Naham Lamprey Estate	100.00	100.00	14.58	6.42	3.00	18.00	
1917 Dec. 17	Percy S. Jones	George W. Berry Estate	1700.00	1700.00	351.99	112.63	19.40	445.22	
1911 Jan. 28	George W. Berry	Ellen Jones	102.00	102.00	27.30	13.88	5.00	36.18	
1914 Nov. 14	Ellen Jones	Stephen C. Wentworth	408.00	408.00	226.36	33.41	5.00	254.77	
1911 Aug. 21	Stephen C. Wentworth	Jonathan H. Downning	75.00	75.00	11.11	4.86	1.00	14.97	
1913 Feb. 15	Jonathan H. Downning	Jonathan H. Downning	100.00	100.00	16.06	6.52	3.00	19.58	
1914 Feb. 15	Daniel M. & John F. Perkins	Daniel M. & John F. Perkins							
	Daniel M. & John F. Perkins	Daniel M. & John F. Perkins	80.00	80.00	11.00	5.16	1.00	15.16	
1916 July 21	Andrew J. Varney, Chester A. Twombly	Marietta Twombly	100.00	100.00	13.72	6.42	3.00	17.14	

Cemetery		Common Fund	
1931 Oct. 31	Richard Yeaton	Melissa Witham	
1931 Sep. 1	Fred E. Glidden	Fred E. Glidden	
1927 Dec. 27	Oliver J. M. Gilman	Oliver J. M. Gilman	
1930 July 5	Lottie L. Rhines	Lottie L. Rhines	
1931 Nov. 1	Emma A. Wildes	Emma A. Wildes	
1919 Sep. 15	Ann Elizabeth Stowell	Ann Elizabeth Stowell	
1926 Oct. 13	Clara M. Jones	Clara M. Jones	
1927 Nov. 1	Nathan F. Hunt	Nathan F. Hunt	
1931 Nov. 1	Harry E. Evans	Mabel M. Evans	
1932 May 1	Jacob Chamberlain	Jacob Chamberlain	
1930 Nov. 26	Sewell E. Roberts	Ella Trask Roberts	
1931 Mar. 20	Lang and Miller		
1931 Apr. 1	Carrie A. Seward and Wm. S. Lang		
1931 May 1	Annette Chesley Price	Annette Chesley Price	
1931 May 1	Hannah Young	Hannah Young	
1931 May 4	Fannie Rodgers	Fannie Rodgers	
1931 Dec. 1	John C. Young	John C. Young	
1931 Dec. 1	Romeyne B. Hurd	Mabel M. Brown	
1932 Sep. 1	Fred Hanson	Fred Hanson	
1932 Dec. 1	Clara B. Yorke	Clara B. Yorke	
1932 Dec. 2	Carrie B. Tibbetts		
1933 Mar. 1	F. E. and C. B. Tibbetts and J. E. Cook		
1933 Aug. 1	Oscar E. Davis	Oscar E. Davis	
1934 Sep. 1	Percy H. Walker	Percy H. Walker	
1935 Sep. 6	Capt. James Nute	Ida Nute	
1917 Dec. 17	Mary L. Bickford	Mary L. Bickford	
1934 Sep. 19	Percy S. Jones	Percy S. Jones	
1934 Oct. 1	Waldo C. Varney	Waldo C. Varney	
1935 Apr. 16	Carrie B. Carpenter	Carrie B. Carpenter	
1935 Jun. 8	Frank D. Morse	Dora E. Morse	
1935 Nov. 1	Elbridge G. Ellis	Elbridge G. Ellis	
1935 Mar. 8	Mattie Hayes	Mattie Hayes	
1936 Jan. 1	Everett W. Emerson	L. Maud Emerson	
1940 July 19	Andrew J. Brown	S. Waldo Brown Estate	

Date	Name	Thomas E. Elder	Grace H. Elder	Cemetery
1948 Nov. 1	John P. Watson and Charles L. Pinkham			
1948 Dec. 28	Hattie M. Watson			
1948 Jun. 6	Bertha F. Gooch Steele			
1949 Aug. 16	Charles H. Davis			
1949 Aug. 22	Irvile T. Proctor			
1949 Sep. 1	John E. and Catherine F. Gammon			
1950 Nov. 17	Edwin O. Prescott			
1951 Jun. 10	Elmer L. Felker			
1950 Mar. 29	Nettie J. and Geo. B. Sampson			
1951 July 20	Roy H. Walch			
1952 Apr.	Charles G. Jenness			
1952 Apr.	Luella McDuffee			
1952 Apr.	George W. Colbath			
1952 Oct.	Fred H. Downing			
1952 Nov.	Charles E. Walker			
1953 Sep. 21	Oscar L. Ricker			
1944 Sep. 12	Frank W. Gray			
1954 May 4	Nehemiah and Arthur L. Durgin			
1954 July 6	Walter H. Miller			
1954 July 6	John S. Morse			
1954 Oct. 20	Lewis A. Proctor			
1954 Nov. 4	Arthur J. Roberts			
	Arthur J. Roberts			
	Proctor Estate			
	Carrie M. Miller			
	Carrie M. Miller			
	Florence M. Durgin			
	TOTALS			

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

December 31, 1954.

December 31, 1954.

Alta H. McDuffee, Lester F. Downing, Frank M. Ayer, Treasurer, Trustees.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

Charles Beaudette, George H. Wallace. Auditors,

TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES DISBURSEMENTS FROM INCOME

William B. Messer, care of cemetery lots	\$502.50
Spring cleaning	25.00
Flowers and urns	15.00
Pauline M. Kimball, care of Kimball lot	8.00
Villie L. Grant, care of Glidden lot, West Alton	2.50
Alton Water Works, service	16.40
Town of Alton, for three band concerts	420.00
Carl De Suze, entertainment	150.00
Farmington News, printing	8.70
Library Trustees, book funds	159.00
Invested in new stock	840.75
Deposited to the credit of lot owners	1,788.32
	\$3,936.17

INVESTED FUNDS

December 31st, 1954

Shares	Company	Amount
248	Bank of America	\$1,368.88
147	Chase National Bank	5,551.88
94	National City Bank	4,244.50
144	The Public National Bank and Trust Co.	5,918.25
46	The Pennsylvania Co.	1,658.66
54	Public Service Co. of N. H.	4,117.50
80	The United Illuminating Co.	4,100.00
96	New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co.	4,117.50
119	First National Bank of Boston	5,835.75
131	National Shawmut Bank	4,500.13
60	Irving Trust Co.	1,020.00
1	U. S. Bond	100.00
3	Southern New England Telephone Co.	100.00
		\$48,633.05

TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS
INCOME OF 1954

Bank of America		\$496.00
Chase National Bank	\$323.40	
National City Bank	241.23	
Public National Bank and Trust Co.	293.49	
The Pennsylvania Co.	119.85	
Public Service of N. H.	180.90	
The United Illuminating Co.	200.00	
New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co.	192.00	
First National Bank	293.56	
National Shawmut Bank	281.65	
Irving Trust Co.	78.00	
U. S. Bond	2.50	
The Southern New England Telephone Co.	8.25	
		\$2,710.83
Interest on income of investments		43.66
Withdrawn from bank		578.70
New funds for perpetual care		1,000.00
Balance on hand at beginning of year		374.98
Total receipts		\$4,708.17
Less expenditures		3,936.17
Balance on hand at end of year		\$772.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. AYER,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ALTON LIGHTING PRECINCT

December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, January 1, 1954	\$78.66	
Received from town of Alton, appropriation	2,900.00	
		\$2,978.66

PAYMENTS

Paid out per order of commissioners:		
White Mt. Power Company	\$2,933.08	
Joseph A. O'Brien, commissioner	5.00	
Raymond Lamont, commissioner	5.00	
Lawrence P. Beck, commissioner	5.00	
Harry B. Lang, clerk	5.00	
Gladys D. Duncan, treasurer	5.00	
Raymond C. Duncan, moderator	3.00	
		\$2,961.08
Balance on hand December 31, 1954		17.58
		\$2,978.66

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS D. DUNCAN,

Treasurer.

WATER DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

	Dec. 31, '53	Dec. 31, '54
Cash on hand	\$6,989.12	\$5,596.47
Accounts receivable	2,568.02	3,151.34
Suspense Account:		
Bay property	6,000.00	5,000.00
Total assets	\$15,557.14	\$13,747.81

LIABILITIES

Bonded debt	\$31,500.00	\$28,100.00
Town of Alton (note interest)		563.13
Total liabilities	\$31,500.00	\$28,663.13
Net debt	15,942.86	14,915.32
Town of Alton 1954 valuation Alton water works system, \$77,350.00.		

WATER DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, 1954

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1	\$6,989.12	
Received and deposited		
Farmington bank	8,751.37	
Total receipts		\$15,740.49

EXPENDITURES

Materials and supplies	\$2,006.85	
Mains	1,080.42	
Services	1,073.51	
Hydrants	88.86	
Meters	84.00	
Source of supply	74.00	
Pumping station	600.59	
Miscellaneous labor	74.00	
Fuel for power (electric)	934.56	
Other distribution expense	77.41	
General office expense	241.83	
General expenses	119.23	
Term notes, interest	3,688.76	
Total expended		\$10,144.02
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		\$5,596.47

INVENTORY ACCOUNT

On hand January 1	\$4,660.06	
Added during year	2,006.85	
		\$6,666.91
Taken from stock during year		1,808.76
Inventory value December 31		\$4,858.15

AUDITORS' REPORT

As your duly elected auditors, we have carefully checked the accounts of the town treasurer, tax collector, precinct treasurer, trustees of trust funds, library trustees, water department and treasurer of the lighting precinct along with the bank statement of the several departments.

According to the best of our knowledge and belief they are properly vouched and correctly cast and are a true account of the business of the town for the year ending December 31, 1954.

CHARLES BEAUDETTE,

GEORGE H. WALLACE,

Auditors.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

December 31, 1954

1. Issue of November 14, 1938, \$8,000.00, 3%,
(Water).

	Annual Maturities Due Nov. 14	Annual Interest Due Nov. 14	Total Amount For Year
1955	\$400.00	\$48.00	\$448.00
1956	400.00	36.00	436.00
1957	400.00	24.00	424.00
1958	400.00	12.00	412.00

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
2. Issue of March 13, 1942, \$20,000.00, 2¾%, (Water).			
1955	\$1,000.00	\$220.00	\$1,220.00
1956	1,000.00	192.50	1,192.50
1957	1,000.00	165.00	1,165.00
1958	1,000.00	137.50	1,137.50
1959	1,000.00	110.00	1,110.00
1960	1,000.00	82.50	1,082.50
1961	1,000.00	55.00	1,055.00
1962	1,000.00	72.50	1,027.50

3. Issue of September 29, 1948, \$10,000.00, 2¾%
(Water).

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
March 29, 1955		\$96.25	
September 29, 1955	\$500.00	96.25	\$692.50
March 29, 1956		89.38	
September 29, 1956	500.00	89.38	678.76
March 29, 1957		82.50	
September 29, 1957	500.00	82.50	665.00
March 29, 1958		75.63	
September 29, 1958	500.00	75.63	651.26
March 29, 1959		68.75	

September 29, 1959	500.00	68.75	637.50
March 29, 1960		61.88	
September 29, 1960	500.00	61.88	623.76
March 29, 1961		55.00	
September 29, 1961	500.00	55.00	610.00
March 29, 1962		48.13	
September 29, 1962	500.00	48.13	596.26
March 29, 1963		41.25	
September 29, 1963	500.00	41.25	582.50
March 29, 1964		34.38	
September 29, 1964	500.00	34.38	568.76
March 29, 1965		27.50	
September 29, 1965	500.00	27.50	555.00
March 29, 1966		20.63	
September 29, 1966	500.00	20.63	541.26
March 29, 1967		13.75	
September 29, 1967	500.00	13.75	527.50
March 29, 1968		6.88	
September 29, 1968	500.00	6.87	513.75

4. Issue of April 22, 1949, \$10,000.00, 2¾%,
Annual Annual
Maturities Interest
Due Due
Total
Amount
For Year

(Water).

April 22, 1955	\$500.00	\$103.13	
October 22, 1955		96.25	\$699.38
April 22, 1956	500.00	96.25	
October 22, 1956		89.38	685.63
April 22, 1957	500.00	89.38	
October 22, 1957		82.50	671.88
April 22, 1958	500.00	82.50	
October 22, 1958		75.63	658.13
April 22, 1958	500.00	75.63	
October 22, 1959		68.75	644.38
April 22, 1960	500.00	68.75	
October 22, 1960		61.88	630.63
April 22, 1961	500.00	61.88	
October 22, 1961		55.00	616.88
April 22, 1962	500.00	55.00	
October 22, 1962		48.13	603.13
April 22, 1963	500.00	48.13	
October 22, 1963		41.25	589.38

April 22, 1964	500.00	41.25	
October 22, 1964		34.38	575.63
April 22, 1965	500.00	34.38	
October 22, 1965		27.50	561.88
April 22, 1966	500.00	27.50	
October 22, 1966		20.63	548.13
April 22, 1967	500.00	20.63	
October 22, 1967		13.75	534.38
April 22, 1968	500.00	13.75	
October 22, 1968		6.88	520.63
April 22, 1969	500.00	6.87	

5. Issue of May 2, 1952, \$13,915.00, 2½%,
(Grader).

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
June 30, 1955		\$69.58	
December 30, 1955	\$2,783.00	69.58	\$2,922.16
June 30, 1956		34.79	
December 30, 1956	2,783.00	34.79	2,852.58

6. Issue of May 18, 1953, \$10,000.00, 2½%,
(T. R. A.).

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
May 18, 1955	\$5,000.00	\$62.50	\$5,062.50

7. Issue of June 1, 1953, \$5,000.00, 2½%, (Water)

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
March 1, 1955		\$50.00	
September 1, 1955	\$1,000.00	50.00	\$1,100.00
March 1, 1956		37.50	
September 1, 1956	1,000.00	37.50	1,075.00
March 1, 1957		25.00	
September 1, 1957	1,000.00	25.00	1,050.00
March 1, 1958		12.50	
September 1, 1958	1,000.00	12.50	1,025.00

8. Issue of July 1, 1953, \$10,000.00, 2½%,
(T. R. A.).

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
January 1, 1955		\$125.00	
July 1, 1955		125.00	\$250.00
January 1, 1956		125.00	
July 1, 1956	\$5,000.00	125.00	5,250.00
January 1, 1957		62.50	
July 1, 1957	5,000.00	62.50	5,125.00

9. Issue of June 16, 1954, \$6,000.00, 2½%,
(T. R. A.).

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
June 16, 1955		\$75.00	
December 16, 1955		75.00	\$150.00
June 15, 1956		75.00	
December 16, 1956		75.00	150.00
June 16, 1957		75.00	
December 16, 1957		75.00	150.00
June 16, 1958	\$3,000.00	75.00	
December 16, 1958		37.50	3,112.50
June 16, 1959	3,000.00	37.50	2,037.50

10. Issue of October 20, 1954, \$4,000.00, 2½%,
(T. R. A.).

	Annual Maturities Due	Annual Interest Due	Total Amount For Year
October 20, 1955		\$100.00	\$100.00
October 20, 1956		100.00	100.00
October 20, 1957		100.00	100.00
October 20, 1958	\$2,000.00	100.00	2,100.00
October 20, 1959	2,000.00	50.00	2,050.00
Totals as of			
Dec. 31, 1954	\$58,666.00	\$6,296.99	\$64,962.99

REPORT OF GILMAN LIBRARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on hand January 1, 1954 \$79.49

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Gilman fund	120.00	
Palmer fund	39.00	
Money given for N. H. Profiles	2.80	
Other sources	12.37	
Fines	12.00	

\$1,386.17

Add Lewis P. Varney trust fund:

Principal	\$260.00	
Interest	50.16	

\$310.16

Total cash accountability

\$1,775.82

EXPENDITURES

Books	\$715.97	
Periodicals	7.45	
Salary	475.00	
Insurance on books	22.40	
A. L. A. Booklist	6.00	
N. H. Library Association	2.00	
Christine Sanborn, helper	21.70	
Library convention	14.35	
Binding	22.53	
Library supplies	21.82	
Ethel Morrell, typing	5.00	
Agnes Thompson, clerical work	75.00	
Postage, box rent, supplies	14.23	

\$1,403.45

Cash on hand December 31, 1954

372.37

Total

\$1,775.82

Analysis of cash on hand:

General funds		\$62.21
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L. P. Varney trust fund:

Principal		260.00
Interest		50.16

\$372.37

Births Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Liv. or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1954												
Feb. 23	Kittery Me.	Virginia Lee	F	L	2	All White	Gilbert J. Murphy	Margaret M. Dollar	Alton	U. S. N. Ret.	Iowa	R. I.
Mar. 7	Wolfeboro	Rollins Mox.	M	L	5		Ernest Richards, Jr.	Ada V. Preble		Seaman	N. H.	Maine
31	Laconia	Gary Lynn	M	L	1		Lyndon W. Berwick	Rita A. Moore		Cutter	N. H.	Maine
Apr. 6	Rochester	Ruth Elizabeth	F	L	1		J. D. Christiansen	Elizabeth Holbrook		Electrician	N. H.	Mass.
25	Wolfeboro	John Arthur	M	L	9		Henry R. Nowe	Elizabeth P. Bernard		Carpenter	N. H.	Mass.
May 6	Wolfeboro	Susan Nancy	F	L	1		Richard S. Downing	Mary D. Sempie		Tool Ex.	Mass.	N. H.
28	Wolfeboro	Allen David	M	L	4		David G. Morrill	Pauline V. Hayes		Carpenter	N. H.	N. H.
3	Wolfeboro	Karen Louise	F	L	1		George P. Varney	Evelyn L. Dame		Army U. S.	N. H.	N. H.
13	Wolfeboro	Melody Gail	F	L	1		Calvin J. Wyman	Shirley M. Shillady		Asst. Mgr.	N. H.	N. H.
18	Kittery Me.	Candace Ann	F	L	1		Jerry Chase	Arlene B. Varney		U. S. N.	N. H.	N. H.
23	Wolfeboro	Erla Sharleen	F	L	3		Edward W. Davis	Doris A. Messier		Laborer	N. H.	N. H.
23	Wolfeboro	Marie Tessie	F	L	3		Edward A. Dadura	Michelle Holochuk		Store Prop.	Penn.	N. Y.
13	Rochester	Sharon Lee	F	L	3		Donald A. Dore	Estella H. Varney		Truck driver	N. H.	N. H.
43	Wolfeboro	Steven Wayne	M	L	2		H. G. Hillsgrrove	Theresa R. Plante		Teamster	Mass.	N. H.
25	Rochester	Rickey Lee	M	L	2		Wm. D. Chaplin	Joyce L. Cate		U. S. A. F.	Ind.	N. H.
9	Kittery Me.	Michael Edwin	M	L	2		Donald C. Alden	Dorothy C. Leighton		Chief Police	N. H.	N. H.
16	Wolfeboro	Ralph Edgar	M	L	2		Archie H. Corson	Clara E. Chaney		Woodsman	N. H.	N. H.
9	Wolfeboro	Janice Fayne	F	L	4		Harry C. Griffin	Gertrude L. Rollins		Mach. Opr.	Mass.	N. H.
1	Wolfeboro	Janet Evelyn	F	L	5		John A. Bean	Muriel J. Russell		Mason	N. H.	Scotland
1	Wolfeboro	John Al'sandro	M	L	2		Louis A. Marletta	Mary A. McDonald		Warehouseman	Mass.	N. H.
7	Wolfeboro	Deborah Lee	F	L	4		Ernest T. Black	Bearrice E. Hayes		Salesman	Mass.	N. H.
7	Wolfeboro	Stephen Jas	M	L	1		Richards J. Brooks	Wanda N. Hale		Carpenter	Penn.	Mass.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. of Mar.	By Whom Married
All White											
1954 Jan. 1	Alton	Richard W. Okonske	Sand'y, Ohio	21		Geologist	Ohio	Walter R. Okonske	Ohio	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
		Priscilla A. Barnes	Alton	21		Mdse. Clerk	N. H.	Louise T. Buck	Ohio	1	
Apr. 18	Seabrook	Robert L. Cassidy	Swamp	23		Student	Mass.	Eva F. Beard	Mass.	1	K. D. Camadady Minister Seabrook
		Carole L. Reed	Alton	18		Student	Mass.	Margaret Halkevan	Mass.	1	
May 1	E. Roch.	Mathlon W. Davids	Alton	23		Laborer	N. H.	Charles R. Reed	Mass.	1	Ralph Townsend Minister E. Rochester
		Doris A. Messier	Alton	19		At Home	N. H.	Gretchen A. Bowers	Mass.	1	
May 17	Alton	John C. Johnson	N. Bed Mass.	26		U. S. A. F.	Mass.	Alice H. Whitney	N. H.	1	Frank M. Ayer J. of P. Alton
		Eileen D. Chapman	N. Bed Mass.	29		Office Mgr.	Mass.	Francis J. Messier	N. H.	1	
22	Alton	Ralph H. Leighton	Alton	19		Lumber	N. H.	Janet A. Paris	N. H.	2	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
		Virginia Hopkinson	Wolfeboro	19		At Home	N. H.	Charles A. Harrison	Mass.	1	
Jun. 19	Chichester	Floyd Carson	C. Barnstead	24		Const.	Michigan	Walter E. Leighton	N. H.	1	H. Franklin Parker Clergyman Chichester
		Patricia R. Kimball	Alton	19		Clerk	N. H.	Thomas Hopkinson	Maine	1	
23	Alton	Clark G. Bickford	Wolfeboro	22		Army U. S.	Mass.	Sarah E. Jose	N. H.	1	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
		Norma J. Glidden	Alton	18		Waitress	N. H.	Floyd O. Carson	N. H.	1	
25	W. Alton	Joseph D. Covin	Elmhra N Y	27		Engineer	Mass.	Helen Durkin	Ireland	1	Floyd J. Taylor Clergyman Lexington Mass.
		Judith Reed	Alton	21		Student	Mass.	Chester A. Kimball	N. H.	1	
26	Alton	Howard M. Boyd	Alton	42		Salesman	Mass.	Helen A. Emerson	N. H.	2	W. D. Swaffield Clergyman Alton
		Rachel A. Mountain	Alton	32		Clerical	Mass.	J. H. Bickford, Jr.	Mass.	2	
								Helen Higgins	Mass.		
								Augustus S. Glidden	N. H.		
								Mabel M. Clough	N. H.		
								Marion Dickinson	Mass.		
								C. Raymond Reed	Mass.		
								Gretchen Bowers	Mass.		
								Melvin S. Boyd	Mass.		
								Jenny E. Graham	Mass.		
								John A. Anderson	Mass.		
								Grace M. Lowell	Maine		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Alton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Occu- pation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death	Name of Physician Reporting Death
1954											
Mar. 16	Alton	Ernest L. Rhines	54	N. H.	M	M	Farmer	Willie E. Rhines	Grace Joy	Cor. Occlusion	A. E. Appleyard
May 4	Alton	Harry E. Whitehouse	73	N. H.	M	M	Laborer	C. Whitehouse	Georgie Keniston	Cor. Hem'tribe	A. E. Appleyard
Jun. 6	Alton	Ida B. Adams	54	Mass.	F	F	Housewife	James Mayshall	Emma Hurd	Pol. Edema	A. E. Appleyard
11	Alton	Agusta J. Wallace	87	N. H.	F	F	Housewife	Elwin E. Barry	Mary Jane	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
15	Alton	Paul M. Rummals	79	N. H.	M	M	Lumber	Paul M. Rummals	Margaret McKee	Heart Disease	A. E. Appleyard
July 17	Alton	Dora E. Bennett	81	Canada	F	F	Housewife	Charles Davis	Alice Haley	Cor. Hem'tribe	A. E. Appleyard
Aug. 19	Alton	Henry M. Huxley	74	Mass.	M	M	Lawyer	Edw. C. Huxley	Esther F. Libby	Myoc'd inf'ct'n	E. J. Gage, Ref.
Sep. 3	Alton	Dennis E. Grasse	21	Maine	M	M	Truck Driver	George Grasse	Elta	Fracture spine	F. R. Allen
13	Alton	Charles L. Garland	85	Mass.	M	M	Laborer	Daniel Garland	Sarah A. Ellis	Cerebral acc'id't	E. J. Gage, Ref.
Oct. 3	Alton	Orrin A. Lamper	84	N. H.	M	M	Farmer	David Lamper	Annie Parker	C'dio-Renal Dis.	R. E. Lord
18	Alton	Amie E. Whitman	80	Mass.	F	F	Proof reader	Frank Whitman	Jennie Glidden	Cor. Thrombosis	A. E. Appleyard
Nov. 5	Alton	Catherine Alden	27	N. H.	F	F	Housewife	C. W. Littlefield	Alice M. Jones	Nephrosclerosis	A. E. Appleyard
13	Alton	Lena E. Barclay	56	N. H.	F	F	Housewife	A. Whitehouse	Ellen Elbridge	Carc'ma Breast	A. E. Appleyard
13	Alton	Frank E. Kimball	79	Mass.	M	M	Laborer	Jas. E. Kimball	Harriet Londo	Carc'ma Stomach	A. E. Appleyard
Dec. 4	Alton	William J. Merrill	77	Maine	M	M	Laborer	William Merrill		Cor. Thrombosis	A. E. Appleyard

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF
ALTON, N. H.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th

1954

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PART I. ADMINISTRATION**(a) Officers of the School District 1954-1955***Moderator***FREDERICK M. PERKINS***Clerk***AGNES THOMPSON***School Board***ELLIOT W. BURBANK** **TERM EXPIRES 1955****ARTHUR F. THITON** **TERM EXPIRES 1956****GLADYS E. HOWE** **TERM EXPIRES 1957***Treasurer***BEATRICE E. H. GOWEN***Auditors***GEORGE H. WALLACE** **CHARLES J. BEAUDETTE***Superintendent of Schools***JOHN W. DAY***Truant Officer***CLARENCE BARNES***Census Taker***RICHARD S. LOVEJOY***School Nurse***ANNIE L. ROSENQUIST***Union Secretary***VIVA M. NEHRING**

(b) Report of the Superintendent

School Year 1954-55

This has been a year of big decisions for the School District of Alton. After voting the regular budget at the district meeting in March, it was decided to name a study committee to consider additional building. The meeting was adjourned until June. After much work, including the gathering of data, publication of information and public hearings, the meeting re-convened, June 19, 1954.

The vote at this meeting was to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for land and \$158,700 for a new four-room elementary school with gymnasium, if the New Durham School District would join in a ten-year contract and guarantee a \$16,000 minimum yearly tuition payment. The District of Alton then agreed to provide \$79,750 for a four-room elementary school, if New Durham would not vote the latter. A committee of nine, including the school board members, was set up to look after the building problems.

The School District of New Durham, at a special meeting in June, voted for a five-year contract with Alton. When its voters were called to vote for the ten-year contract in September, the proposal was defeated.

Again Alton School District was called for a special district meeting in early fall, and voted to build the four rooms and gymnasium without any qualifications.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Frederick Perkins, has worked diligently all fall and winter. Mr. Alfred Grainger of Hanover is engaged as the architect. Recently the contracts were signed with Swanburg Construction Company. It is anticipated that the four rooms will be ready in the fall and the gymnasium and auditorium by midwinter. Expenditures will be within the money voted and arrangements for borrowing have been recently completed.

A real step forward has been made in Alton school history.

Instruction

There are two changes in the faculty from last year. Mr. Roland Caron, of Saco, Maine, replaces Mr. Roscoe Twombly as teacher of shop and general mathematics. As the large first grade moved up to the second, Mrs. Emily Grice, formerly of New York, was engaged to teach them. To provide for the extra room required temporarily, the eighth grade was moved to the home economics room. Homemaking classes are being held in the cafeteria. All other members of the faculty returned to their positions and are carrying out their duties faithfully. Mr. Lovejoy our principal, has added to the work of his full schedule as teacher and principal, the coaching of both boys' and girls' basketball teams.

A beginning is being made in automotive mechanics in the shop. Mr. Carl Wyman has been most co-operative, by providing a car and helping in many other ways.

Many new books and instructional materials have been supplied.

Over four times as many positions had to be filled in New Hampshire this year by new or different teachers as were prepared in our training institutions. With a tremendous increase in population in the United States, it becomes more difficult each year to find qualified teachers. Good salaries and a pleasant teaching environment are essential if we are to provide the best instruction for our children.

Maintenance

It is a pleasure for all to work in a clean attractive building. I wish to commend our custodian for his fine work. Mr. Ralph Stevens takes great pride in keeping our building warm and clean; and we take pride in the results.

Some work has been completed to replace traps on the heating lines and improve the furnace. Carpenter work to strengthen the floor supports, repair wind damage, replace small pieces of worn flooring was completed during summer and fall. The cement apron was completed at the entrance of the shop.

Two new typewriters were purchased, replacing old models, in line with our policy of keeping all equipment in efficient condition.

Finances

The board is presenting a conservative budget to the budget committee and voters. Instruction costs will remain about the same. Operation costs will move upward, since there must be increases in janitor costs, heat, lights and building supplies to care for the new building. It is impossible to be certain of these, until the new building has been in operation for a period of time.

Transporters have agreed to continue their contracts for another three years at the same figures. No pupil is deprived of an education in Alton because of lack of transportation. Buses are operated with great concern for the children's safety and well-being.

We are staying within our current budgets and small savings may result in some accounts. I call to your attention the fact that the deficiency of \$2800 appropriation voted last March for the new teacher and accumulated expenses of previous years was not used. Even a small balance was declared. Taxes were reduced accordingly. A real effort has been made to provide the best in instruction and educational materials within the funds provided by the district. Costs per pupil for a relatively small school, with a big program, which usually requires greater expenditures, remain below state average in Alton.

In line with the expressed desire of your budget committee, the tuition charges for the coming year have been increased very close to the average cost—to \$190 elementary and \$290 high school. This new rate is greater than the charge at Rochester and Pittsfield, but less than Laconia's.

When we educate our children, we invest in the future of our community, state and nation. A newer and better plant will soon be completed. We must continue a strong staff and good materials, constantly remaining alert to what is good in new educational practice.

It is a community enterprise worthy of our best thought and support.

JOHN WILMAN DAY.

PART II. INSTRUCTION

(a) Teachers

Names	Present Teaching Assignment	Enroll- ment	Yrs. Ex- perience	Degree	Advanced Credits	Certification
Mary Louise Boyd	J. H. Eng., Soc. St., Gr. 7	17	5	A. B.	24	Certificate
John Bucher	Eng., U. S. History, Lat., Gr. 12	14	11	B. Ed.	29	Certificate
Roland Caron	Shop, Math., Gr. 10	24		B. Ed.		License
Helena Drew	Gr. 5, 14; Gr. 6, 16	33	20	Diplo.	24	Certificate
Theodore Floros	J. H. Arith., Sci., Gr. 8 Physics, Gr. 11, 12	25	6	B. Ed.	13	Certificate
Emily Grice	Grade 2	27	2	B. A.	8	License
Zelma Guy	Grade 1	18	25	Diplo.	4	Certificate
Ellen Gram	Vocal Music, 1 day			B. Mus.		License
Eleanor Hayes	Home Ec., M. E. Hist., Gr. 9	17	23	Diplo.	21	Certificate
Gene Lovejoy	French, Eng. 9, part time		7	A. B.	24	Certificate
Richard Lovejoy	Prim., Math., Sci., Soc. St., Coach		11	A. B.	33	License
Matilda McDonough	Commerce, Soc. St., Gr. 11	15	27	B. Ed.	2	Certificate
Elizabeth Parker	Gr. 3, 16; Gr. 4, 19	35	35	Diplo.	27	Certificate

PART III. FINANCE

(a) Annual Report of the District Treasurer for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

Cash on hand, July 1, 1953 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$00.00
Received from selectmen:	
Current appropriation	\$59,300.63
Received from state treasurer:	
Federal funds	1,033.81
Received from tuitions	9,234.50
Received from all other sources	457.57
Total receipts	\$70,026.51
Total amount available for fiscal year (balance and receipts)	\$70,026.51
Less school board orders paid	69,374.05
Balance on hand, June 30, 1954 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$652.46

BEATRICE E. H. GOWEN,

July 19, 1954.

District Treasurer.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alton, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correct in all respects.

GEORGE H. WALLACE,

CHARLES J. BEAUDETTE,

July 19, 1954.

Auditors.

(b) Financial Report of the School Board
for the School Year 1953-54

RECEIPTS

Federal aid:

Smith-Hughes and George-Barden	\$446.31
National school lunch	587.50

\$1,033.81

Local taxation:

Current appropriation	59,300.63
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Other sources:

Elementary school tuitions	\$2,323.00
Secondary school tuitions	6,911.50
Other	270.29

Total \$9,504.79

Total net receipts from all sources \$69,839.23

Cash on hand at beginning of year,

July 1, 1953 00.00

Grand total net receipts \$69,839.23

PAYMENTS

	Total	High	Elem.	Gen. Exp.
Administration:				
Salaries of district officers	\$291.00	\$93.12	\$197.88	
Superintendent's salary (local share)	828.76	265.20	563.56	
Tax for state wide supervision	400.00	116.00	284.00	
Salaries of other administrative personnel	440.60	140.99	299.61	
Supplies and expenses	677.74	216.88	460.86	
Instruction:				
Teachers' salaries	31,016.95	12,820.27	18,196.68	
Principals' salaries	4,000.00	2,666.67	1,333.33	
Books and other instructional aids	830.42	364.78	465.64	
Scholars' supplies	1,400.14	703.70	696.44	
Supplies and other expenses	275.14	199.29	75.85	
Operation of school plant:				
Salaries of custodians	2,613.60	871.20	1,742.40	
Fuel or heat	1,842.63	610.69	1,231.94	
Light, supplies and expenses	1,113.48	359.15	754.33	
Maintenance of school plant:				
Repairs and replacements	557.75	216.81	340.94	
Auxiliary activities:				
Health supervision	812.61	342.51	470.10	
Transportation	10,148.00		10,148.00	

	Payments (continued)		
Tuition	350.00		350.00
Special activities and special funds	310.33	208.39	101.94
School lunch	755.12	251.98	503.14
Fixed charges:			
Retirement	2,360.14	927.50	1,432.64
Insurance, treasurer's bonds and expenses	657.02	252.89	404.13
Total current expenses	<u>\$61,681.43</u>	<u>\$21,628.02</u>	<u>\$40,053.41</u>
Capital outlay:			
Additions and improvements to buildings	803.92	430.30	373.62
New equipment	1,270.16	852.41	417.75
Debt and interest:			
Principal of debt	4,650.00		84,650.00
Interest on debt	781.26		781.26
Total net payments for all purposes	<u>\$69,186.77</u>	<u>\$22,910.73</u>	<u>\$46,276.04</u>
Cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1954:			
General fund	652.46		
Grand total net payments	<u>\$69,839.23</u>		

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET (Actual) EXPENDITURES AND GROSS TRANSACTIONS

(a) Receipts

Total net income plus cash on hand	
July 1, 1953	
(Agrees with "grand total net receipts")	\$69,839.23
Receipts from refunds, double payments,	
"In and Out" transactions between	
districts, transfers to or from	
building or other accounts	187.28
Total gross income	\$70,026.51

(b) Payments

Total net payments plus cash on hand,	
June 30, 1954	
(Agrees with "grand total net payments")	\$69,839.23
Payments refunded or returned, payments	
made on centralized purchasing	
for other districts (to be reported	
by them), transfers to or from	
building or other accounts, local	
tax funds returned to selectmen, etc.	187.28
Total gross payments	\$70,026.51

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1954

ASSETS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1954	\$652.46
Accounts due the district:	
From the state	84.40
Tuitions	60.00
Total assets	\$796.86

LIABILITIES

Notes and bonds outstanding	\$15,300.00
Net debt—excess of liabilities over assets	14,503.14

(c) Itemized Statement of Indebtedness

January 31, 1955

Notes owed Farmington National Bank
for new shop building and
improvements:

Borrowed August, 1952:		\$19,950.00
Paid October, 1953	\$4,650.00	
Paid October, 1954	4,000.00	
		\$8,650.00

Outstanding \$11,300.00

The interest charge is $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ annually, payable
October and April, on the outstanding balance.

(d) A Statement of Salary of the Superintendent

July 1, 1953 - June 30, 1954

(Required by Laws of 1953, Chapter 243, Section 5,
as amended)

Paid by	Percent	Salary
Alton school district	19.5	\$828.76
Barnstead school district	8.2	348.50
New Durham school district	4.1	174.26
Pittsfield school district	28.3	1,202.74
Tuftonboro school district	9.8	416.50
Wolfeboro school district	30.1	1,279.24
	100.0%	\$4,250.00
State's share from per capita tax		2,500.00
		\$6,750.00

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1955-1956

EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expenditures 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Actual Expenditures July 1 to Dec. 31, '54	School Board Budget 1955-56	Bud. Committee Budget 1955-56
Administration:					
Salaries of district officers	\$291.00	\$301.00	\$170.00	\$301.00	\$301.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	828.76	906.20	906.20	980.00	980.00
Tax for state wide supervision	400.00	400.00	396.00	410.00	410.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	440.60	493.25	483.25	575.00	575.00
Supplies and expenses	677.74	550.00	460.77	620.00	620.00
Instruction:					
High school teachers' and principal's salaries	15,486.94	(36,600.00	4,785.09	15,836.00	15,836.00
Elementary teachers' and principals' salaries	19,530.01	(	6,293.76	21,664.00	21,664.00
Books and other instruction aids, high	364.78	450.00	453.99	475.00	475.00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	465.64	700.00	445.84	575.00	575.00
Scholars' supplies, high	703.70	750.00	336.89	750.00	750.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	696.44	1,000.00	882.04	950.00	950.00
Supplies and other expenses, high	199.29	300.00	117.59	310.00	310.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	75.85	400.00	156.40	200.00	200.00
Operation of school plant:					
Salaries of custodians, high	871.20	(2,800.00	450.60	1,600.00	1,600.00
Salaries of custodians elementary	1,742.40	(	901.28	2,400.00	2,400.00

	Budget (continued)				
Fuel or heat, high	610.69	(1,800.00	116.40	1,250.00	1,250.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	1,231.94	(	232.91	1,850.00	1,850.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, high	359.15	(1,000.00	172.61	750.00	750.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	754.33	(	349.86	1,050.00	1,050.00
Maintenance of school plant:					
Repairs and replacements, high	216.81	500.00	411.73	300.00	300.00
Repairs and replacements, elementary	340.94	600.00	226.83	600.00	600.00
Auxiliary activities:					
Health supervision, high	342.51	(950.00	91.67	(300.00	300.00
Health supervision, elementary	470.10	(	183.36	(650.00	650.00
Transportation, elementary	10,148.00	10,200.00	4,067.20	10,200.00	10,200.00
Tuition, elementary	350.00	380.00	50.00	440.00	440.00
Special activities and special funds, high	208.39	300.00	28.55	350.00	350.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary	101.94	300.00	56.49		
School lunch and special milk, high	251.98				
School lunch and special milk, elementary	503.14				
Fixed charges:					
Retirement, high	927.50	2,745.96)	837.95	1,144.92	1,144.92
Retirement, elementary	1,432.64	)		1,595.24	1,595.24
Insurance, treasurer's bonds and expenses, high	252.89	(869.00)	415.53	833.00	833.00
Insurance, treasurer's bonds and expenses elementary	404.13	(		1,667.00	1,667.00
Contingency fund:	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00

Budget (continued)

Capital outlay:					
Lands and new buildings, high	163,800.00	4,258.32			
Additions and improvements, high	430.30	68.07	(200.00	200.00	
Additions and improvements, elementary	373.62		(300.00	300.00	
New equipment, high	852.41		(300.00	300.00	
New equipment, elementary	417.75	197.73	(100.00	100.00	
Debt and interest:					
Principal of debt	4,650.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Interest on debt	781.26	191.48	4,120.38	4,120.38	
Budget deficiency					
Total expenditures or school appropriation	2,800.00				
	\$69,186.77	\$239,244.17	\$33,196.39	\$81,146.54	\$81,146.54

RECEIPTS

	Actual Receipts 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55	Actual Receipts July 1 to Dec. 31, '54	School Board Budget 1955-56	Bud. Committee Budget 1955-56
Balance (actual or estimated)		\$652.46	\$652.46		
Federal aid	\$1,033.81	250.00	266.97	\$400.00	\$400.00
High school tuition	6,911.50	6,095.00	2,021.57	7,800.00	7,800.00
Elementary school tuition	2,323.00	1,440.00	271.43	1,300.00	1,300.00
Other	270.29	1,500.00	91.72	1,500.00	1,500.00
Selectmen, town of Alton, taxes			37,662.31		
Total receipts other than property taxes	\$10,538.60	\$9,937.46	\$40,966.46	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
District assessment raised or to be raised by property taxes	59,300.63	66,259.17		70,146.54	70,146.54
Total appropriation voted by school district	\$69,839.23			\$81,146.54	\$81,146.54

PART IV. PUPIL STATISTICS

(a) Census Report, September, 1954

Ages, as of Sept. 1954	Total	Boys	Girls	No. children attend. pub. sch. within dist.	Outside	No. children attend. priv. sch. outside	Excused by Sch. Bd. St. Bd. of Ed. or Comm. of Ed.	Reached 14 or 16, comp. elem. but not high school	Completed high school	Reached age 16 though not comp. elem. school
Less than										
1	16	4	12							
1	22	14	8							
2	23	11	12							
3	16	9	7							
4	13	8	5							
5	25	14	11	11						
6	16	8	8	14	2					
7	20	13	7	18	2					
8	25	10	15	23	2					
9	17	11	6	17						
10	17	7	10	17						
11	17	8	9	14	2		1			
12	18	13	5	18						
13	16	4	12	16						
14	10	8	2	8	2					
15	10	7	3	8		2				
16	16	7	9	13		1		1		1
17	13	5	8	7	2	1		2	1	
18	8	4	4	1		5			2	
Total	318	165	153	185	12	9	1	3	3	1

(b) Census Summary of Recent Years

Total number of boys and girls living at Alton on
September 1, from birth through age 18.

1954	318
1953	330
1952	326
1951	295
1950	256
1949	275

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The school year of 1954-55 started with a three day teachers' workshop at Pittsfield, N. H., in which all of Union Forty-nine participated. This workshop was based on the theme, "Resource Education in the New Hampshire Schools" (this, in the past has been called "conservation"). The workshop was directed by John Day, superintendent of schools, and Robert Boyd, professor of biology at Plymouth Teachers College. The three topics under discussion were Forests, Water, Soil. Each of these topics was organized under the leadership of an expert in that field. Mr. Arthur Rollins very ably served as coordinator throughout the three days. This was a most instructive and informative three days and well worthwhile.

The faculty at Alton is the same as last year with two exceptions. Mrs. Emily Grice replacing Mr. Clark, and teaching grade two, is new to our faculty this year. Mr. Roland Caron replaced Mr. Twombly in shop. Because of the importance of the primary grades in a child's start in school and because of the increased enrollment in these grades, it has become necessary to have a teacher for each grade: Mrs. Guy, grade one; Mrs. Grice, grade two. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Drew continue with grades three-four and five-six respectively. I want to express my appreciation to all teachers for their continued splendid cooperation and for their conscientious efforts on behalf of the students.

Sportswise the girls' team has had a very good year, winning seven out of ten games in the South-eastern League, and winning four games in out-of-league competition. The boys have not been so fortunate. This is due primarily to inexperience on our part and to the fact that all the teams we have played have been teams of experienced players. Next year should see us giving the other teams real competition. Both the boys' and girls' teams have displayed wonderful spirit and sportsmanship in their playing.

Mrs. Hayes has taken on the task of cheerleading coach and has brought the girls along very well. The cheerleading team this year is composed of seventh and eighth grade girls and two freshmen. They are to be congratulated for the fine performances they are giving.

The noon lunch program continues to meet the needs of many, serving an average of well over 100 meals every day. This is due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Buchanan.

Again this year, as in past years, Dr. Appleyard has made a comprehensive physical examination of all children in the even-numbered grades. Since this is done every year, it ensures that any defects will be detected if they arise during the child's school years.

Concerning school attendance the state law requires 180 days of attendance. "Every child between eight and sixteen years of age shall attend the public school within the district or a public school outside the district to which he is assigned—unless he is more than sixteen years old—or has been excused from attending on the ground that his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance or make it undesirable". Our attendance this year, on the whole, has been good; but it could be improved. We realize that children have many distracting influences these days, yet they should miss as few days as possible to get the most out of their school work. Therefore, we ask the cooperation of all parents in the matter of school attendance.

It is always gratifying to the faculty to have students desire to continue their education. Of the sixteen graduates of 1954, ten entered colleges or prep schools and two entered the navy. About half of the class of 1955 have already been accepted for further education.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the splendid cooperation I have received from the students, the superintendent, the school board, and the citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD S. LOVEJOY,

Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH WORK

To the Townspeople, School Board and Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Alton, New Hampshire:

The following is my fourth annual report of the school health work at Alton.

During the winter of 1954, we had three cases of ringworm in school. Ringworm is, and should be, considered a communicable disease. It is caused by a fungus similar to the athletic foot fungus. It occurs as patches either on the scalp, or on the body. There are two types of this fungus—animal and human. The animal type can be transferred to a human. Scalp ringworm can be transferred by wearing an infected hat, from the backs of school bus seats, from barber shops and from the seats in movie theatres. The broken hairs are contagious. Last year, Rochester had an epidemic of ringworm, with about 90 cases in the schools. During the fall of 1954, we had three new cases. The recovery of ringworm takes a long time and the patient should receive medical attention as soon as possible to prevent spreading the disease. Ringworm very rarely attacks adults.

In the spring of 1954, we had an epidemic of chickenpox. We also saw the "March of Dimes" in action in our school—not to treat a crippled polio victim, but in the hope of preventing this dreaded disease. The first, second and third grade children participated with the consent of their parents. The little "Polio Pioneers" must be given credit for their participation in the fight against polio. Sometime in 1955, we shall know for certain whether Dr. Salk's vaccine is the final weapon against polio.

During the fall of this school year, we had 41 cases of the mumps and two cases of impetigo. Mumps and ringworm have caused the majority of absences so far.

Dr. Appleyard, our school physician, does the physical examinations each year on the even numbered grades. This includes testing blood pressure, urinalysis and the like, to give a complete check-up.

The general health of the school children is good. However, dental caries are quite prominent among many of the pupils, and it is hoped that the parents will

attend to the dental work which needs to be done. I am sure we all wish our children to grow up with teeth that are in good repair.

Your school is fortunate to have a hot lunch program. Its value cannot be over-emphasized. Your school is kept clean and orderly and Mr. Stevens should be commended for his effort.

The following is a statistical report of the school nursing work during the year 1953-1954:

Pupils examined by the doctor	94
Tests:	
Vision	307
Hearing	237
Inspections	1,146
Heights	237
Weights	237
First aid	15
Home visits	154
Vaccinations and Communicable Diseases:	
Number successfully vaccinated	235
Polio vaccination—field trial	9
Chickenpox	36
Pediculosis	1
Impetigo	5
Ringworm	3

Defects found by medical examination:

	No. of Cases	No. seen or treated by family physician
Ears	1	1
T & A	2	
Teeth	13	
Nutrition	3	3
Skin	1	1
Defects found by school nurse:		
Vision	43	31
Hearing	2	1
Skin	8	8
Speech	2	
Teeth	56	16
Tonsils	9	5

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Appleyard, the teaching staff and all others who have helped me with the school health program. I am always glad to see, or hear from, parents at any time regarding their children or pertaining to the health program of the school.

Respectfully submitted

(Mrs.) ANNIE L. ROSENQUIST, R. N.,
School Nurse.

Following is a report of the health work which has been done in Alton by the Division of Maternity, Infancy and Child Hygiene of the New Hampshire State Board of Health, cooperating with the local agencies as represented through the Child Health Conference Committee.

Three clinics were held; 23 children received Toxoid immunizing against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough; four children had smallpox vaccinations.

The Salk Poliomyelitis Trial Vaccine Clinics were held and children in the first, second and third grades were included in the study group, but only the second graders received the vaccine. It will be recalled that Strafford and Belknap counties were selected for this trial in the spring of 1954 by the state or territorial health officer and the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Sincerely,

JOANNA M. CARTER,

State Nurse.

PART VI. SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1955-56

(Subject to change)

1955

September

- 6 School opens, Tuesday, solid session to 12.30.
General teachers' meeting of the Union following at 2.30 p. m.

October

- 12 Columbus day, no school.
20-21 Teachers' convention.

November

- 11 Veterans' day; school closes at 12.30.
23 School closes at 1.00 p. m., for Thanksgiving vacation.
28 School opens.

December

- 22 School closes for Christmas vacation.

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January

- 2 Tuesday, school opens.

February

- 21 School closes for midwinter vacation.
27 School opens.

April

- 13 School closes for spring vacation.
23 School opens.

May

- 30 Memorial day, no school.

June

- 8 School closes for summer vacation.

Teachers may attend the state teachers' convention and appropriate institutes and workshops, which will count as part of the 180 days of school required by law. Days lost because of stormy weather or other reasons will be made up on Saturdays preceding vacations, or by continuing in the week of June 11.

Months	No. of School Days
September	19
October	20
November	19
December	16
January	22
February	18
March	22
April	16
May	22
June	6
Total	180

WARRANT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Alton, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said district, on the 12th day of March, 1955, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a member of the school board for ensuing three years.

Article 4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors and committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6. To choose agents, auditors and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Article 8. To see if the school district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the school district the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80 to defray the school district's share of the cost thereof.

Article 9. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the school district will authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the school district the necessary agreement with the state of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the school district will designate the school district treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand at said Alton, New Hampshire, this fourteenth day of February, 1955.

ELLIOT BURBANK,

ARTHUR TILTON,

GLADYS HOWE,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ELLIOT BURBANK,

ARTHUR TILTON,

GLADYS HOWE,

School Board.

FOREST FIRE REPORT

Forest Fire Prevention is Everybody's Business

Carelessness is responsible for 97 per cent of all our forest fires. This is a serious indictment of our interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbors. In too many instances this carelessness results in the destruction, not of the careless one's own property, but of someone not even known to him.

Thoughtlessly thrown lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles, by hikers, hunters and fishermen; the careless burning of debris during hazardous periods, high winds or in dangerous locations; improperly extinguished camp or cook fires, all add up to the carelessness that means serious loss of property, disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditures of town and state funds.

It points to the need of eliminating carelessness so far as it concerns fire from our daily life. The rules are simple, your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

1. Be careful with fire in or near woodlands.
2. Be sure that all lighted material, cigars, cigarettes and matches, is completely out before discarding it. Use ash trays in autos.
3. Secure the required written permission to burn from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not completely covered with snow.
4. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
5. Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.

Let's remember that Forest Fire Prevention is everybody's business and our most important undertaking!

1954 FIRE RECORD FOR ALTON

Number of fires	2
Acreage burned	3
Number of fire permits issued	87

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. PRIME,
Forest Fire Warden.

ROBERT W. SMITH,
District Fire Chief.

